

CERTIFIED IRRIGATION OPERATOR

Welcome to Irrigation Australia's Certification Program

If you're currently working on an irrigation system and you're responsible for the efficient and sustainable use of irrigation water, then you may be eligible to become a Certified Irrigation Operator (CIO). This certification grants you a point of difference in the market and a Certified Irrigation Operator is highly regarded by customers to provide a service that meets or exceeds the average industry standards.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

To apply for this certification, you'll need to be actively working in the industry, plus have **three (3)** years relevant experience in assisting with the operation and maintenance of irrigation systems.

ONGOING COMMITMENT TO BEST PRACTICE

Once you become a Certified Irrigation Operator, you'll need to keep your skills and knowledge current by participating in a range of irrigation-related activities.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Points will be earned for each type of activity and at the end of **one (1)** year, you must have obtained **five (5)** CPD points and paid the renewal invoice by the due date in order for your certification to remain active.

HOW TO APPLY

Attach sighted copies* of your Statement of Attainment or academic transcript and return to Irrigation Australia with the certification fee.

*Sighted copies are those that are verified by a JP as an accurate copy of the original. Please do not send originals.

Don't have the required skills, but keen to become a Certified Irrigation Contractor? Click [here](#) to view our practical training options.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

To become a Certified Irrigation Operator, you'll need to prove that you can meet **five (5)** of the following **eight (8)** competencies*:

1. **AHCIRG303:** Measure irrigation delivery system performance
2. **AHCIRG306:** Troubleshoot irrigation systems
3. **AHCIRG308:** Monitor soils under irrigation
4. **AHCIRG327:** Implement an irrigation schedule
5. **AHCIRG332:** Operate pressurised irrigation systems
6. **AHCIRG433:** Maintain pressurised irrigation systems
7. **AHCWRK405:** Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices
8. **AHCINF304:** Install and terminate extra low voltage wiring systems

Other Statements of Attainment that have similar skills and knowledge will be considered.

CERTIFICATION FEES

	Application Fee	Renewal Fee
Member	\$345	\$290
Non-Member	\$515	\$440

*Fees subject to change in 2025.